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Clark Gallery to host 2020 photography show

The Honeywell Center Clark Gallery will be the site of the 2020 Photography Show sponsored by Harmon Photography through Wednesday, Sept. 23. For the 2020 Photography Show, a photographer may enter up to three pieces. Categories include black and white, color, and altered images. To review the 2020 Photography Show guidelines and complete the entry forms, visit HoneywellCenter.org/photo-show. Early entries can be made by appointment only by contacting Michele Hughes by email at clarkgallery@honeywellfoundation.org or by calling 260-274-1411.

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City Council looks at longevity pay increase for police and fire

Departments plan budgets as potential revenue shortfalls loom

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, Aug. 12, the Wabash City Council met to discuss the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year with the various department heads.

Mayor Scott Long said anticipated revenue shortfalls due to the COVID-19-related shutdowns weighed heavily on everyone's minds. Long said they had put them-

selves in a good position in previous years by maintaining reserves, which not every city has done.

"We're not broke but we don't want to be broke," said Long. "When the state comes out and says they're looking at a \$3 (billion) to \$4 billion shortfall, obviously that trickles down. ... We're just really unsure about the revenue stream coming in for the next at least 2021, which will affect 2022 and I think there'll be some lingering revenue shortfalls from where the tax money rolls in from the state."

Building Department

Up first was Jim Straws, Building Department commissioner,

who said a line item regarding permitting software that would allow them to track permits was removed. It was going to be \$45,000 for software and then \$1,000 a month to maintain.

"For as small of a department as we have, we can keep track of our permits," said Straws. "I couldn't justify the need to have that fancy software. It was a line item in 2019, so we took that off in 2020."

Straws said in the future, they may have to raise the budget for demolition from \$60,000 in the future.

"As houses come up for us to evaluate as far as us tearing them down, I want to make sure there's money there," said Straws.

Fire Department

Barry Stroup, Fire Department chief, was up next.

Long said he was interested in increasing longevity pay by 1/10 percent for police officers and firemen. Currently, they are paid ¾ percent of longevity pay for every year of service, which maxes out at 20 years.

Long said the two departments have had trouble recruiting and retaining talent to fill open positions.

"We used to get 30 and 40 people to apply for positions at these departments. Now we're lucky if we have a dozen," said Long. "By the time you weed through all the

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Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

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National Guard to assist Second Harvest through the rest of the year

Food distribution tailgates split between two locations, alternating each week

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

It was just before 1 p.m. last Wednesday and Ryan Keim, Next Steps minister and outreach minister at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, said they had about 240 vehicles come through their parking lot that day.

It was the first day of their participation in the new Second Harvest of East Central Indiana schedule for tailgate food distributions.

"They said that represented about 1,700 to 1,800 individual people, which is close to 700 families," said Keim.

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana is now splitting its weekly food distribution

tailgate events between two locations in August: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26 at the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15.

Keim said previous tailgates at the Winchester Senior Center hadn't been able to handle the volume.

"They said it's kind of low because it's the first time on this site. So, they said once we get a little more regular here, that number should spike up," said Keim. "The Senior Center just couldn't handle the amount. So, before it moved out of the Senior Center, they were expecting about 400 cars every other week. They think once people realize this is here, that we'll be back to that point."

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Next Steps minister

ger than originally anticipated. "The National Guard was originally supposed to be with us through August, but the state just said we could have them through the rest of the year. What a blessing that is," said Keim.

For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org. For more information on donating, visit at curehunger.org/get-involved-donate.

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Several local political yard signs reported stolen

Wabash County Republican and Democratic parties say incidents on the uptick

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday, Chad Harris, Wabash County Democratic Party chair and Democratic candidate for State Representative District 18, said "many" local yard signs advocating for Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden had been stolen recently.

"With the presidential election quickly approaching I would like to remind the public that it is illegal to steal political yard signs," said Harris. "This happens to be theft and trespassing, and if you are caught we will prosecute. It's fine to have a different opinion on candidates, but please be respectful."

Harris said these incidents had been occurring more and more during the last two weeks, usually during the night or in the early morning hours.

"Close to 20 signs have been taken since late July," said Harris. "We this some in past elections, too, but not this much this early."

As far as similar incidents involving yard signs in favor of President Donald Trump, Flo Dahlstrom, Wabash County Republican Party treasurer, referred additional questions to Barbara Pearson, Wabash County Republican Party chair, but said they "had a few incidents this election."

"In 2016, we had a large number of sign (thefts)," said Dahlstrom.

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Two more candidates file for school board positions

Deadline to file with clerk's office is noon this Friday

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, Teresa Ehret, deputy of elections and voter registration at the Wabash County Clerk's Office, reported two more candidates had filed for open school board positions.

David E. Kewish filed for the Manchester Community Schools (MCS) Board's Pleasant Township seat. Kewish is not currently on the board.

Todd Topliff filed for the MSD school board's northeastern district.

Topliff is currently the board's secretary.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, Ehret said they had received their first school board petition and it has been certified. The first applicant was Kevin Bowman for the MSD South position. Bowman is currently the board's vice president.

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, Ehret said they received a second application, this time from Robert Bucher, who will be running for MCS Board Town District (Chester 3, 4, 5, 6). Bucher is not currently a board member.

Lori Draper, Wabash County clerk, said school board races will be decided during the general election Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Draper said the deadline for petitions to be submitted is noon, Friday, Aug. 21.

According to Indiana Codes 20-23, IC 20-23-6 and IC 20-23-9 stipulate the procedures for selecting school board members are usually outlined in the "school corporation organization plan adopted by the school corporation during the school consolidation process of the 1950s and 1960s and as subsequently amended."

MSD seats up for election include: One or two from the South district may be elected. One from Northeast and one from the Northwest district may be elected for a total of three seats.

MCS seats up for election: One member is elected from each district. The districts are Chester 1 and 2, Pleasant Township and the Town of North Manchester.

The requirements for MSD and Manchester Community Schools (MCS) include:

MSD of Wabash County requires 12 valid signatures, and they must be signed by a registered voter within the district the candidate is running.

MCS requires 10 signatures, and they must be signed by any registered voter residing in the MCS district.

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Wabash County’s 7-day COVID-19 positivity rate more than doubles

State reports five local COVID-19 cases since Saturday; total now 185

STAFF REPORT

Since Saturday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported five additional local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 185. Meanwhile, the state’s reported seven-day positivity rate has more than doubled.

The state still reported five local deaths.

On Saturday, the ISDH reported two additional local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 182, with 3,464 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate as of Saturday, Aug. 8 was 5.4 percent.

On Sunday, the ISDH reported an additional local positive COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County’s total to 183, with 3,484 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate as of Sunday, Aug. 9

was 11.9 percent.

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On Tuesday, the ISDH reported an additional local positive COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County’s total to 185, with 3,544 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate as of Tuesday, Aug. 11 was 11.3 percent.

Statewide on Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 850 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 81,847 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

A total of 2,954 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 28 from the previous day. Another 211

probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

As of Tuesday, nearly 39 percent of ICU beds and nearly 82 percent of ventilators are available across the state.

To date, 928,614 tests for unique individuals have been reported to ISDH, up from 914,633 on Monday.

ISDH will host four free testing sites from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday:

■ Goshen: Team Rehabilitation, 223 Chicago Ave.

■ Elkhart: Northside Gymnasium, 300 Lawrence St.

■ Hammond: Lafayette Elementary School, 856 E. Sibley St.

■ Marion: Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1403 Indiana 18.

To find other testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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School board filings begin

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‘Liking for Biking’ riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a “free, family-friendly” 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park’s upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a “fun and engaging atmosphere.” Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Manchester Univ. announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

Salamonie senior luncheon set for Monday, Sept. 14

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Sept. 14, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend.

Master Naturalist April Reed will share her passion for raising monarch butterflies and tips and tricks she’s learned along the way. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. The main dish of baked spaghetti will be provided as a fundraiser by Friends of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 dona-

tion will be accepted. In compliance with Back on Track Indiana, face coverings and CDC social distancing guidelines will be practiced. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26

The Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk’s Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management announced as 2020 Business of the Year

Grow Wabash County has announced that Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management has been selected as the 2020 Business of the Year. Halderman will be celebrated for this achievement from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Honeywell Center during Grow Wabash County’s Annual Dinner Celebration. Registration is now open for tickets and sponsorships. For more information, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed.

Manchester Univ. moves 2020 Commencement to fall (October)

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony and Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) at the Cordier

Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy Commencement at the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Nov. 15.

Hawkins Farms kicks off Pizza Fridays benefiting HOPE CSA

Hawkins Family Farm is hosting “Tailgating on the Farm” from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East, North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustaining Agriculture). For more information, visit www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com or www.hopecsa.org.

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins play






The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

DivorceCare to begin weekly meetings again

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, “features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery.” The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 S. State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Leader Janet Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call Quillen at 260-571-5235, or call 260-563-8453 or 877-350-1658; or visit divorcecare.org.





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5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Sunny 80 / 53	 Thursday Sunny 83 / 55	 Friday Sunny 85 / 58	 Saturday Mostly Sunny 87 / 64	 Sunday Partly Cloudy 84 / 61
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:39 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:03 a.m.

 First 8/25	 Full 9/2	 Last 9/10	 New 9/17
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 80°, humidity of 43%. North northeast wind 3 to 6 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 53°. Northeast wind 1 to 6 mph. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 83°, humidity of 41%. Light winds.

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testing and everything, you may only have four or five to choose from.”

Stroup said that wasn’t currently an issue in their department, but that it might not always be true.

“Right now no spots to fill, but that could change at any moment,” said Stroup.

Long said Wabash used to be one of the highest-paid for these departments in the area.

“That’s not necessarily the case anymore. People are outpacing us,” said Long. “We need to retain them in the department so we’re not losing them to the state police or another city.”

Stroup said this sort of increase could help keep employees in the city.

“This is one of the things that does help retain,” said Stroup. “This is keeping the people in our town. We’ve been looking around. We’ve seen what other people have done.

Long said this increase would equal out to an additional \$14,500 for each of the two departments. Long said this was already budgeted and could be moved by a simple in-house adjustment.

Wastewater Department

Bob Gray, Wastewater Department superintendent, was up next.

Gray said with the low amount quoted for some of the bids for their projects allowed them to complete the current work without a rate increase for the moment.

“Wabash’s rate increases have been historically mild compared to other communities,” said Gray.

Long said they were drafting a letter to customers who have fallen behind their payments since the pandemic began asking them to make six-month payment arrangements.

“We’re going to work with everybody as best we can,” said Gray.

Long said these notices will be sent out Sept. 1, with disconnections resuming a month later.

“The sewer bill is the last

one they pay. They want to keep their power and water on. ... We’re all trying to work together with the water company to work through this.”

Gray said customers telling him they would have trouble paying had become more and more frequent.

“The longer it went, the more people called in saying they couldn’t pay,” said Gray.

Police Department

Matt Bruss, Police Department chief, said he agreed with the increase in longevity pay.

One area Long said he was looking at reducing given the increase in virtual learning was crossing guards, which was budgeted for \$39,200.

“In discussion with school corporation with the need for crossing guards,” said Long. “I think there are certain areas we can’t get away from it.”

Bruss said they had seen a reduced number of calls for service since the start of the lockdowns, but that once Gov. Eric Holcomb began to open the state back up, calls went back to normal.

“When the governor said we were going to start reopening we were back. People remembered how to call the police again,” said Bruss.

Parks Department

Adam Hall, Parks Department superintendent, was up next.

Long said he wanted to increase Hall’s salary by \$6,259 to \$60,880 so that it was more in line with the other department heads.

Long said they were able to apply for Land and Water Conservation Fund funding, which would allow federal dollars to pay for half of the park and playground improvements.

Hall said they had been in discussion with the Kiwanis Club about helping with renovating the main city park and another park.

Hall said last year they had budgeted \$25,000 for park equipment, which was used to buy two John Deere mowers. This year, Hall said they wanted to instead buy a new vehicle for next year. As a result, the park equipment bud-

get was reduced to \$100, and \$30,000 was instead budgeted for the new vehicle.

City Court

Tim Roberts, City Court judge, answered the council’s questions about revenue from tickets written for code violations. Roberts said this was not a particularly lucrative revenue stream.

“I don’t feel good about fining somebody money if they have cleared it up before coming to court,” said Roberts. “If they’ve got it cleaned up I issue a fine and court costs, then suspend it for six months. I do fine people on occasion, but there is not a lot of money to be made on that.”

Roberts said for curfew violations, he has the children who come before his court to write an essay on the subject of his choosing and also sentences them to work with the Parks Department.

“We don’t get fine money on that,” said Roberts.

Street Department

Scott Richardson, Street Department superintendent, was injured by a tree limb, so Tyler Niccum took his place at the meeting.

Niccum said the cost for road salt, which was budgeted for \$70,000, had gone up by \$20,000 since last year. Niccum said they did have 400 tons leftover, though, given the past few mild winters.

Next steps

Wendy Frazier, the city’s clerk-treasurer, said the notice to taxpayers had been sent to Gateway on Thursday, Aug. 13. The first reading of the budget will occur during the Monday, Aug. 24 meeting. The second reading and possible adoption of the budget has been scheduled for Sept. 14. Oct. 12 is the deadline to post the notice to taxpayers on Gateway. Oct. 22 is the last possible day for taxing units to hold public hearing. Nov. 2 is the deadline for all taxing units to adopt 2021 budgets, tax rates and tax levies. Nov. 9 is the last day for units to submit 2021 budgets, tax rates and levies on Gateway.

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Jake Oakman, director of strategic communications for the Indiana Republican Party, said that though stealing yard signs is illegal it “sadly happens on both sides during an election cycle.”

“The GOP strongly condemns the stealing of any yard signs, regardless of candidate, party or office,” said Oakman.

Sgt. Tony Slocum, public information officer for the Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post, referred specific questions about local figures to the ISP Public Records office but said such thefts were, indeed, against the law.

“The stealing of signs would fall under the theft statute and the penalties that come with that crime,” said Slocum.


Additionally, the Indiana Election Division guidance

states “removing signs without the authority to do so may be criminal conversion.”

Requests for additional information sent to Pearson, the ISP Public Records office and the Indiana Democratic Party were not immediately returned as of press time.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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Johnny Hunt
July 1, 1940 - Aug 15, 2020

Johnny Hunt, 80, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 5:52 pm, Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. He was born July 1, 1940 in Floyd County, Kentucky, to William "Bill" and Lena (Little) Hunt.

Johnny married Ruth Earhart in Wabash on January 16, 1960. He worked for Celotex in Lagro, retiring after 42 years. Johnny was a member of the Grace Fellowship Church. He enjoyed horseback riding and camping. Johnny was a longtime member of the Frances Slocum Trail Riders and was known as Uncle Johnny.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Hunt of Wabash, three daughters, Sheryl (Tim) Young of Wabash, Debbie Hunt of Kokomo, Indiana, and Cathy (Mirsad) Hadzic of Las Vegas, Nevada, daughter-in-law, Kathy Hunt of Wabash, seven grandchildren, Rachel (Rob) Devita of New Hampshire, Brandy O'Donnell of Wabash, Aaron (Michelle) Bolin of Peru, Indiana, Casey Bolin of Wabash, Jamee McWhirt of Huntington, Indiana, Tyler Hunt of Wabash, and Amy (Bryce) Dielman of Gilead, Indiana, ten great grandchildren, and his sister, Virginia McCoy of Indianapolis, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Tony Hunt, and sister, Grethel Winstead.

Funeral services will be 10:00 am Saturday, August 22, 2020, at Grace Fellowship Church, 4652 S 100 W, Wabash, with Lou Hunt officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-7 p.m. Friday, at Grandstaff-Hengtgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash.

Preferred memorials to the Grace Fellowship Church, Wabash.

The memorial guest book for Johnny may be signed at www.grandstaff-hengtgen.com.

Doris I. Shambarger

Doris I. Shambarger, 92, North Manchester, passed away on August 14, 2020 at Timbercrest Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

The memory of Doris I. Shambarger will be forever cherished by her sons, Fred (Carol) Shambarger, North Manchester, Jeff (Beth) Shambarger, Roann, Indiana; two daughters, Elaine Gearhart, Silver Lake, Indiana, Ginny (Curt) Falk, North Manchester; one brother, Joe F. (Lee Marilyn) Frantz, Roann, Indiana; one sister, Virginia Skiles, Flora, Indiana; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Barbara 'Sue' Clifton

Funeral services for Barbara "Sue" Clifton will be 11 a.m., Thursday, August 20, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hengtgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday.

William 'Jim' Woodruff

Services for William "Jim" Woodruff, will be 10:30 am, Friday, at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Wabash. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Marion. Visitation 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hengtgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Indiana reports 28 more COVID-19 deaths, also 850 more cases


INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Twenty-eight more Indiana residents have died from COVID-19 and 850 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with the coronavirus, state health officials said Tuesday.

Indiana's newly reported deaths raise the state's pandemic death toll to 3,165, including confirmed and presumed coronavirus cases, in the five months since Indiana's first fatality was reported in mid-March, the Indiana State Department of Health reported.

Eighteen of the state's newly-reported COVID-19 deaths occurred on Sunday and Monday, and most of the other deaths happened over the past week, the state agency said. One death occurred on July 31.

Indiana's 850 newly confirmed coronavirus cases bring the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus to 81,847.

State statistics show that Indiana hospitals were treating 849 patients with the COVID-19 respiratory disease on Monday, down from about 1,000 two weeks ago.



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Heat wave still threatens California power grid with several outages

By JANIE HAR and ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California's power grid operators were keeping an eye on the thermometer Tuesday after avoiding highly anticipated rolling blackouts a day earlier as an ongoing heat wave stresses the electrical system.

The California Independent System Operator had warned Monday that as many as 3.3 million homes and businesses would be affected by an evening emergency order that would have required utilities to stage rotating, two-hour outages. But the order never was issued and the warning was canceled shortly before 8 p.m.

Pleas for people to leave their air conditioners at higher temperatures and avoid using washing machines and other major appliances seemed to have worked. "Thank you for conserving," California ISO said in a tweet.

However, grid managers warned that the threat of outages remained as temperatures were expected to hit triple digits again in many areas of the state. The National Weather Service said it may take until Friday or Saturday before excess heat watches and warnings ease.

The strong ridge of high pressure responsible for the heat wave will gradually weaken over coming days, progressively moderating temperatures, forecasters said.

Firefighters, meanwhile, toiled in oppressive heat as fires burned throughout California, posing threats to homes, forcing evacuations and fouling the air with smoke far beyond the largely rural or wilderness areas where flames fed on very dry vegetation.

Michelle Leopold, co-owner of six Ace hardware stores in the San Francisco Bay Area, said she sold 56 washing pools, two air conditioning units and a number of generators Saturday. She said she's grateful her employees have not contracted the coronavirus and her stores are even hiring.

"You look at the blessings in this crazy time because there's not much else to look at," she said, laughing.

Scorching weather has hit other Western states, making it harder for California to import extra power.

"What we have is a situation where the entire region is more than hot, it's extremely hot," said Steve Berberich, California ISO's president and CEO. "We can't get the energy that we would normally get from out of state because it's being used to serve loads natively. That would probably account for another 4,000 to 5,000 megawatts and could have very well have closed the gap."

California ISO has struggled to reduce the electrical demand since last Friday, when it issued the first rolling blackouts in nearly 20 years. The three biggest utilities — Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric — turned off power to more than 410,000 homes and businesses for about an hour at a time until the emergency declaration ended 3 1/2 hours later.

A second but shorter outage hit Saturday evening, affecting more than 200,000 customers.

An irate Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an emergency proclamation Sunday allowing some energy users and utilities to tap backup energy sources. Newsom also sent a letter demanding that the state Energy Commission, state Public Utilities Commission and the California Independent System Operator investigate the blackouts.

"These blackouts, which occurred without prior warning or enough time for preparation, are unacceptable and unbefitting of the nation's largest and most innovative state," Newsom wrote. "This cannot stand."

On Monday, the Democratic governor said he was ready to "move forward to simply make sure this never happens again."

During a grid operator board meeting Monday, Berberich said the weekend blackouts could have been avoided had regulators listened to its previous concerns about a power shortfall. In call later with reporters, he softened his tone, saying he knows the Public Utilities Commission is working to find the right balance of energy sources.

"It's substantial, no question about it," he said of the outage.

The Public Utilities Commission said it would work with the other agencies to figure out what happened. The demand for electricity in the last few days has been consistent with expectations, spokeswoman Terrie Prosper said.

"The question we're tackling is why certain resources were not available," she said.

Bonnie Wikler, 66, worried about her husband, who is recovering from open heart surgery. She said it was very stressful to lose power twice over the weekend at their home in Coalinga, a city in central California where temperatures reached 109 degrees.

They thought about driving somewhere but were too afraid of coronavirus exposure, so they stayed home and cooled off with ice water, she said.

"If there was a fire or an earthquake, I would understand, but to cut power without letting you know, it just seems outlandish to me," Wikler said.

Michelle Obama warns at the Democratic convention that Trump is 'in over his head'

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE and ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At the 2016 Democratic National Convention, former first lady Michelle Obama told party members that "when they go low, we go high."

After four years of President Donald Trump, she came back to give it to them straight.

"If you think things cannot possibly get worse, trust me they can; and they will, if we don't make a change in this election," Mrs. Obama told her party on Monday night.

Monday capped the first night of the Democrats' convention.

The former first lady outlined dire stakes for the election ahead, declaring President Donald Trump "in over his head" and the "wrong president for our country."

Warning of possible voter suppression, she told Americans they must vote for Joe Biden "in numbers that cannot be ignored" if they want to preserve the "most basic requirements for a functioning society."

The scathing assessment was delivered in the last and longest speech in Democrats' experiment with a virtual convention in the coronavirus era, a spot Mrs. Obama earned through her overwhelming popularity in her party.

She delivered her remarks in a casual setting — a living room, with a Biden campaign sign on the mantle — and identified as much with the beleaguered voters of America as the lineup of politicians that preceded her in the program.

"You know I hate politics," she said, before diving into a speech that

appealed to both her longtime fans in the Democratic coalition and a broad audience she's drawn since leaving the White House and becoming a bestselling author.

The president "has had more than enough time to prove that he can do the job, but he is clearly in over his head," she said. "He cannot meet this moment."

"It is what it is," Mrs. Obama said — echoing a remark Trump made recently about the U.S. death toll from the coronavirus.

Citing the pandemic, the flagging economy, the political unrest that's broken out nationwide over systemic racism and what she described as America's lack of leadership on the world stage, Mrs. Obama said the nation is "underperforming not simply on matters of policy, but on matters of character."

In contrast, Mrs. Obama said, Biden is a "profoundly decent man" who "knows what it takes to rescue an economy, beat back a pandemic and lead our country." She recounted how Biden has prevailed through the personal tragedy of losing his first wife, baby daughter and adult son and said Biden will "channel that same grit and passion to help us heal and guide us forward."

Republican Donald Trump succeeded President Barack Obama, a Democrat, in 2017 and has tried to undo many of Obama's achievements on health care, the environment and foreign policy, among others.

On Monday, before the event, Trump took a dig at the former first lady's coming speech, noting that her remarks were prerecorded and that his own speech at the Republican National

Convention next week will be live.

"Who wants to listen to Michelle Obama do a taped speech?" he said at a rally in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Obama, who leads an effort to help register people to vote, spoke about the importance of voting in the Nov. 3 election, which will take place amid a pandemic that has killed more than 170,000 Americans and infected more than 5 million in the U.S.

Wearing a necklace that spelled out the word "Vote," she noted Trump lost the popular vote but still won the White House, and "we've all been suffering the consequences."

Her remarks came as debate rages in Washington about U.S. Postal Service changes that are delaying mail deliveries around the country, and amid legal battles in several states over access to mail-in ballots. Mrs. Obama issued a call to action to those who sat out the last election: Now is not the time to "withhold our votes in protest or play games," she said.

"We have got to grab our comfortable shoes, put on our masks, pack a brown bag dinner and maybe breakfast too, because we've got to be willing to stand in line all night if we have to," she said.

In keeping with the virtual nature of the convention, Mrs. Obama's remarks were recorded before Biden's announcement last Tuesday that he had chosen California Sen. Kamala Harris as his running mate.

Her speech was the fourth Democratic convention address by Michelle Obama, who first introduced herself to the nation during her husband's groundbreaking campaign in 2008. She spoke again in 2012 to urge voters to give him a second term.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

The secure drop-off solution to vote-by-mail

Friday, Gov. Cuomo floated the possibility of setting them up around New York. New Jersey's Phil Murphy went further, promising to put such boxes across the Garden State, while also smartly committing to send a blank ballot to every voter there long before Election Day, a step Cuomo should mimic. In 2020, designing and fabricating tamper-proof drop-off boxes isn't exactly a next-level engineering feat. But the benefit is

incalculable for millions, especially older and disabled Americans trying to stay safe from a deadly pathogen while exercising their most basic democratic right. Party primaries this spring and summer left thousands of voters disenfranchised, either because they got their mail-in ballots too late, or because the Post Office couldn't get them back to counters in time. To prevent a November debacle, the USPS needs

an infusion of emergency funding – and relief from just-imposed rules that are slowing delivery from coast to coast. Friday, the Postal Service sent letters to 46 states warning that it could not guarantee all ballots cast by mail for the November election will arrive in time to be counted. But it's fair to assume Trump and Republicans will continue to play dirty. Time for Plan B. *This editorial was first published New York Daily News.*



The temptation of authoritarianism

Campaigning to become leader of Britain's parliamentary Conservative Party, and hence prime minister, Boris Johnson, the populist from Eton and Oxford, brandished a fish. Mixing hilarity with indignation, he regaled an audience by ridiculing the gnomes of Brussels whose European Union regulations torment British producers of smoked kippers by requiring the fish to be shipped on plastic ice pillows.

The problem with Johnson's vaudevillian performance was that this regulation was written by the British government. This fact was, however, no problem for Johnson, who became prime minister. As Anne Applebaum says in her book "Twilight of Democracy," Johnson has a "penchant for fabrication" – he was fired from the Times of London for concocting quotes, and from a Conservative shadow cabinet for lying. This is part of what her book's subtitle calls "the seductive lure of authoritarianism," which delivers delightful liberation from the tyranny of facts.

Applebaum is a much-honored historian and a longtime columnist for The Washington Post, now with the Atlantic. She lives in Europe, where Plato pioneered Western political philosophy, warning that demagogues could make democracy a springboard to tyranny. Today, the European Union's 27 nations include two authoritarian regimes, Poland's and especially Hungary's, which has closed an entire university, and which operates, directly or through regime-linked companies, 90 percent of the nation's media. Writing in the National Endowment for Democracy's Journal of Democracy ("Reclaiming the Politics

of Emotion"), Jaroslaw Kuisz and Karolina Wigura, both Poles, note that populists have sensed "that a feeling of loss is today the dominant collective emotion." This is particularly so in Eastern Europe, where tumultuous change followed the cracking of the concrete that communism had poured over society. But even in Britain's open society, which has experienced no comparable social disjunction, nostalgia akin to personal grief has fueled a populist politics of resentment. Nostalgia, wrote the sociologist and philosopher Robert Nisbet, is "at best a rust of memory," which picks a vanished historic epoch and bathes it in sentimentality. Paradoxically, populist authoritarianism derives indispensable fuel from discontented intellectuals who believe, as Applebaum says, "that the wrong people have influence" in the realm of ideas. But as she says, authoritarianism "is a frame of mind, not a set of ideas." Today it seduces the "radically lonely individual" who finds a sheltering home in an immersive political movement or environment that rejects "the hateful notions of meritocracy, political competition, and the free market, principles that, by definition, have never benefited the less successful." Authoritarianism offers not careers open to talents, but rather the populist promise of upward mobility for those whose political connections and conformity spares them the need "for competition, or for exams, or for a resume bristling with achievements." Authoritarianism is a temptation for people recoiling against complexity and intellectual pluralism, and yearning for social homogeneity. Applebaum says, "The noise of argument, the constant hum of disagreement – these can irritate people who prefer to live

in a society tied together by a single narrative." In today's United States, such authoritarianism flourishes most conspicuously on the left, in the cancel culture's attempts to extinguish rival voices. The current president is America's misfortune; America's good fortune has been that his mental fidgets disqualify him from mastering the means for authoritarian ends, means that, in any case, would be blocked by the nation's judiciary. Authoritarianism is, however, incubated on America's right among conservatives in the grip of cultural despair. Applebaum notes that until recently "the most apocalyptic visions of American civilization" festered on the left, among people convinced that capitalism must breed unlove-ly opulence among the few, immiseration of the many, and alienation of everyone from the dignity of work. Today, however, there is a pandemic of right-wing pessimism, predictions of America's doom unless unambiguously unconstitutional measures are taken to combat secularism. So far, authoritarian impulses on the left and right are confined to the fever swamps of social media, where, as Applebaum says, "readers and writers feel distant from one another and from the issues they describe, where everyone can be anonymous and no one needs to take responsibility for what they say." "History," says Applebaum, "suddenly feels circular" in various European regions: "Given the right conditions, any society can turn against democracy. Indeed, if history is anything to go by, all of our societies eventually will." The good news, such as it is, is that a necessary – although not sufficient – precondition for authoritarianism's defeat is what Applebaum's book trenchantly argues for: disbelief in the defeat's inevitability. *George Will's email address is georgewill@washpost.com.*

LETTERS

The Green New Deal should include funding for cultured-meat research

The Green New Deal, climate and economic justice legislation popularized by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, should include funding for cultured-meat research. This new form of protein is grown from cells, without slaughtering animals. It has the potential to end our reliance on one of the most significant contributors to global warming. I'm talking about traditional animal agriculture. Cultured meat isn't science fiction. Many companies are developing such products for the market. For instance, Mission Barns will hold a public taste-testing for its cultivated bacon this month. However, the cost is still an issue. Further development is needed to make this technology economically competitive with slaughtered meat. Progressives should include funding for this purpose in the Green New Deal.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Connecticut

During the pandemic, strengthen Americorps

As talks between the White House and Congress stall, Americans are still grappling with the crippling impact of the pandemic. To move our country forward, we need to bring Americans together to help communities respond to and recover from COVID-19. A bipartisan group of U.S. senators has a plan to do just that through the CORPS Act, which would expand and strengthen AmeriCorps to provide critically needed services and give Americans purpose-driven work, a living stipend, and help to pay for college. Since the outbreak, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members throughout Indiana have been expanding food pantry capacity, tutoring students, and helping patients receive proper health care and access to social services. But we need more boots on the ground. Congress should include the funding and provisions from the CORPS Act in the coronavirus aid and economic stimulus package. It's a bipartisan solution to an urgent problem.

Mark Eutsler, PhD, EdD, Chair,
Serve Indiana Commission Linden

Some thoughts on the COVID-19 impact on sports

The return to school also marks the season of fall sports. Many of us had hoped that we'd be back to enjoying sporting events by now, but it seems increasingly unlikely we'll see anything like a typical season. What we experienced so far, and what is happening now to athletics of all types is important to think about in the context of the overall economy.

Michael
Hicks



Earlier this year, some winter and all spring sports ended suddenly. This meant the premature end to baseball seasons, swim championships, tennis, track, soccer and golf. Fans of these events were left watching classic games on cable or holding out for re-scheduled events like the Indy 500. But, the sputtering restart to baseball and inevitable cancellation of spectators at the Indy 500 should lower all our expectations about sports. For many of us, this is a small sacrifice, but for many others it is a heart-wrenching loss. A postponed Olympics means some athletes who would have medaled this year won't make their national teams, even if we have a 2021 Olympics. Some professional athletes will miss their chance to play and disappear from the sport. Some high school students who expected scholarships based on last season will not go to college. Others have already missed their senior year, which is often the final year to participate in organized sports. Far more common will be the experience of many kids who looked forward to a team sport but now turn their attention to less savory diversions. Sports provide many Americans an important gateway to adulthood and responsibility. They teach hard work and discipline, and they expose many kids to adults in a different leadership role. Sports fill precisely the same role other 'non-academic' pursuits do in the development of young adults. Many will find that the loss of a season or two will linger well into adulthood. We may not notice the developmental effect on children among the large and expanding economic detritus of this downturn. Still, we should keep a close eye on it, along with what the pandemic might do to the institutions that support sports. At the very least, the loss of a season or more will cause some important youth sports programs to re-adjust. Hopefully we will see some sports clubs merge or consolidate, and emerge from this pandemic stronger and more resilient. But, inevitably, some will fail and close. The aftermath of the pandemic will be hard for high school and college sports. Many schools have already used this as a chance to cut teams and players. Facilities will suffer and with this, the U.S. risks long-term damage to our Olympic competitiveness. Of course, there is immediate economic damage as well. By some estimates, Americans spend more than \$100 billion per year on sports. That estimate is for tickets, equipment and fees for athletic practices and gyms. I think this estimate is low. It does not include travel to and from events, lodging or meals spent directly in support of viewing a sporting event. However large our spending on sports might be, it faces significant loss in the time of COVID. Athletes themselves will face a heavy financial burden, though most of the star athletes will be only modestly affected. Owners of teams will also face a difficult stretch of time. These are affluent folks, and few will consider their plight important, but that loss is a signal of tightening economic conditions surrounding their teams. The loss of even a few games can be financially difficult to those who work in ball parks or support the event directly with concessions, advertising or other business. Of course, for the larger events, accommodations, eating and drinking establishments, parking facilities and others who work outside the stadium, natatorium or racecourse face economic hardship. That is why decisions like those made by the Indy 500 organizers are so difficult. Canceling attendance at the event likely means layoffs to hundreds of workers. Likewise, the cancellation of just a few NFL games means closure of businesses and further extends the economic damage of COVID. The effect of COVID on these high-end sports venues and teams is substantial, but the effects of closings will fall much heavier on local businesses and event staff than on star athletes and owners. They think of the disease, as well as the livelihood of those workers who depend upon these events for employment. We should probably understand that before judging their reluctance to cancel events.

Wife looks for words to heal man cut down by his mother

DEAR ABBY: My husband’s mother recently told him he no longer matters to her because he is an atheist. His mother is supposedly a Christian, but she rarely acts like one. It has left my husband devastated and feeling more lonely than ever.

Dear Abby



I can’t find the right words to comfort him when he’s going through something I haven’t got a clue about. How do I empathize with him to let him know he did nothing wrong and that he never deserved to have those words thrown at him by his own mother?

It infuriates me, but I don’t think it would be right for me to step in and talk to her directly. How do you deal with a narcissist who constantly plays the victim even after all the support you’ve given to her, financially and emotionally? – Supportive Wife In Alabama

DEAR WIFE: I’m glad you asked. Explain to your husband that by emotionally abusing him this way, his mother is attempting to control him. What she said is despicable, and if he is as emotionally dependent on her as you have described, he may need counseling to get past this. The way to deal with her emotional blackmail is to distance yourselves from her financially and emotionally, because she is manipulative and toxic.

DEAR ABBY: When I was a little girl, my mother died of breast cancer. I always suspected that I might have the gene, too. To make matters worse, my dad got skin cancer a couple of years ago, meaning my risk of getting cancer is higher because of both my parents having it.

I’m turning 18 in a couple of months, and I want to get tested to see what my risk is, but I’m terrified. I sometimes feel a stabbing pain in my chest and think I feel a lump. I’m not sure if I’m imagining it due to my stress and fear or if it’s true. I don’t want to tell my dad until after my appointment, which I plan on doing alone. What do you think I should do? Should I tell him? – Afraid In Florida

DEAR AFRAID: Try to calm yourself. The lump you felt may not be what you fear, but a cyst. Breast cancer in teen girls is rare, but cysts are quite common. (It might also be nothing.) That said, because of your family history, you should be checked by a doctor.

I don’t believe in keeping secrets of this nature. If you would like emotional support when you get the test for the BRCA gene, your father – or a female relative – would be a logical choice to go with you. Please give it some thought.

DEAR ABBY: I have a medical alert service dog. People at the store won’t leave him alone to do his job, and I don’t know what to do. I don’t want to be rude to these people, but my life depends on his alerting. Each time I must shop for groceries, I am very afraid. Advice? – No Petting In Pennsylvania

DEAR NO PETTING: You are a nice person. Too nice, in fact. When someone attempts to distract your service animal, TELL the person emphatically to stop immediately because he is on duty, working to ensure your safety, and being distracted could cost you your life. It is the truth.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NRKAP

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I'm ready for another day on the trails tomorrow.

It's so easy to cook over the fire.

FOR THE CAMPERS MAKING STIR FRY AT YELLOWSTONE, IT WAS A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

“ ” THE

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SHIRT GRAFT UPDATE SOFTEN
Answer: She started walking regularly to lose weight and was making — GREAT STRIDES

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“Guess what? The new people makin’ camp next to us are unloading three motorcycles!”

BEETLE BAILEY

HOW IS THIS PERFUME?

THIS FRAGRANCE SAYS 'LET'S GO OUT FOR DINNER AND DANCING'

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?

IT SAYS "LET'S JUST FORGET THE DINNER AND DANCING"

BLONDIE

I WANT TO BECOME A SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER! WHAT IS THAT?

I INFLUENCE FRIENDS TO BUY CERTAIN BRANDS JUST BECAUSE I DO! WOW, WHEN DID ALL THIS START?

BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS HAD A GOOD SOCIAL INFLUENCER MYSELF

ISN'T THIS NEW OUTFIT FABULOUS?!

HI & LOIS

DAD, A GUY ON TV SAID THE WORLD IS GOING TO END SOON.

HE'S LIKE CHICKEN LITTLE WARNING THAT THE SKY IS FALLING.

THE SKY IS FALLING?!

WATCH OUT, SUNBEAM!

BC

DRUG TRIALS

AGE-DEFYING ELIXIR

I FEEL LIKE EVERYTHING IS MAKING IN REVERSE.

WIZARD OF ID

SMOKING SECTION

DILBERT

I WANT YOU TO FIRE DILBERT BECAUSE HE SAID I MIGHT BE NUTS.

HE WOULDN'T SAY THAT TO A MAN.

HE SAID THE SAME THING TO ME LAST WEEK.

IT DOESN'T COUNT IF IT'S TRUE!

GARFIELD

OPIE...

DON'T STAND SO CLOSE TO ME

FORT KNOX

FRANK WIMPEL OUT OF LETTING THE GENERAL PULL HIS TOOTH.

YOU MEAN WITH A ROPE AND A PRIUS?

YEAH, I GUESS THAT WAS A BAD IDEA.

WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO NOW?

FIND A MORE HUMANE WAY TO PULL HIS TOOTH.

LIKE?

PLAY PULL

Tooth delay

ENJOY the GO

Gutter BALL

PICKLES

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE FLOOR, GRAMPA?

I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I CAN'T REMEMBER, BUT I'M NOT GETTING UP UNTIL I DO!!

Jesus had a forgiving and understanding heart

Q: Why does the Bible say that we should be like Christ when it is humanly impossible to do so? – CP.

A: We'll never live perfect lives on Earth, but for those who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord, He desires to conform us to the image of His Son who is perfect. He wants us to have pure hearts and strive to be Christlike. At the time of salvation, Christ, through His Spirit, comes and abides in our lives and changes our desires. The Bible says, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

Jesus had a humble heart. If He abides in us, pride will never dominate our lives. Jesus had a loving heart. If He dwells within us, hatred and bitterness will never

rule us. Jesus had a forgiving and understanding heart. If He lives within us, mercy will temper our pride and help us to be more like Jesus who had no selfish interests, because His one desire was to do His Father's will.

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own strength.

Paul recognized that he could never attain purity in heart by his own striving. He said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Christ imparts His attributes to us through the power of salvation. The righteousness of God is credited to those who confess their sins and receive Christ.

The greatest happiness that comes to the pure heart is when our relationship with God is restored.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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Wabash County Drainage Board
Barry Eppley, Chairman
Dated: August 19, 2020
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CAUSE NO: 85C01-2007-ES-000053
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Business

Illegal pyramid schemes are on the rise in the coronavirus pandemic

Eliza Briscoe was told that all she had to do was put up \$500 and bring in two additional people who would each contribute the same amount of money. In a little more than four weeks, she would get \$4,000 in return.

Like so many others being recruited for a “sou-sou,” Briscoe was nearly duped into a pyramid scheme.

It’s hard not to be sold on the altruistic and cultural backstory of the sou-sou, also known as

Michelle Singletary



“Susu,” “blessing loom” or “gifting circle.” Promoters pitch the sou-sou as a common practice among Caribbean and African immigrants as a way to help their businesses grow. Briscoe was told she would be helping other

Black folks, some of whom may have lost their jobs because of COVID-19.

“It seemed like it was legal,” said the Maryland resident, who reached out to me as part of her due diligence research. “I didn’t want to bring anybody in unless I knew for sure, because I didn’t want anybody to lose their money.”

For the last several weeks, members of my church, friends, neighbors, and readers have asked me about the legitimacy of a “sou-sou” or similar schemes, in which they are promised that if they put up \$100 in some cases, or \$500 in others, in a month or two they would get a return eight times their cash outlay.

But despite assurances by promoters, these blessing, sou-sou, or gifting circles are illegal.

The hallmark of an unlawful pyramid centers on two key things: An upfront entry fee with the expectation of a significant payout and the requirement to persuade

two other people to join, who then must also bring in two more recruits. Eventually, the whole enterprise collapses, and the last folks coming in – the wide base of the pyramid – lose their money.

In the recruitment videos and materials I reviewed, promoters are specifically targeting Black participants, but it’s widespread in other communities too. Personal, church, or work relationships are exploited. The schemes involved different groups comprised of 15 people divided into four levels: one at the top or center, two on a second level, four on the third, and eight at the bottom. In one version, the incoming eight participants each send \$500 – \$4,000 total – to the person at the top through PayPal, Venmo, or some other cash app.

The sou-sou can appear to be a success because early participants share testimonies of their substantial gains. Weekly conference calls serve to rally people with motivational presentations about how their involvement will help build wealth in the Black community.

“Just don’t do it,” said Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh in an interview. “Think about it. How is it possible for everybody to get \$4,000? It is a crime to be part of this and soliciting people for it. It also means that you’re putting your friends and family members at risk. There are way more victims than winners in these pyramid schemes.”

Frosh said his office has seen an uptick in pyramid schemes as the pandemic has resulted in massive job losses. The Better Business Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and many other state attorneys have issued consumer alerts.

In Maryland, establishing or promoting a pyramid scheme is considered a criminal offense that may result in a prison sentence

of up to one year, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both, according to the Maryland Attorney General’s Office.

“At a time like this, when there’s so much financial hardship, we see these and many other kinds of moneymaking schemes spreading like wildfire, especially on social media,” said Kati Daffan, an assistant director in the FTC’s division of marketing practices. “Schemes like this are illegal because they’re inherently harmful.”

Here’s another reason to avoid this scheme. You could be charged with tax fraud.

Briscoe said she was assured that once she got to the so-called “water level” on the pyramid-scheme hierarchy, the money she would receive was a “gift” under the IRS code, and therefore not taxable. But previous prosecution of gifting-circle promoters shows that’s not accurate.

In 2013, a federal jury found two Connecticut women guilty of tax fraud for running a gifting circle and not paying taxes on their gains. The leader was eventually sentenced to 48 months in federal prison, reported the Hartford Courant.

Although not commenting directly about the sou-sou or gifting circles, IRS spokesman Eric Smith said that under federal tax law, all income is taxable unless specifically exempted.

“Calling something a gift doesn’t make it so,” Smith said. “In simplest terms, a true gift assumes that the giver doesn’t expect anything in return.”

The very nature of the sou-sou or “gifting” pyramid scheme is that you put in money with the explicit expectation of receiving a large payoff.

“While it is true that the receipt of a gift is typically not considered taxable income, it may be difficult to make the argument that proceeds from an activity which

may be illegal should be treated as gifts,” said Eric Bronnenkant, a certified public accountant and head of tax for Betterment.

In tough times, it’s understandable how people are persuaded that there’s a foolproof way to make money.

“Many people find themselves in the 2020 bind as it has become the year of very low interest rates and extraordinary stock-market volatility,” Bronnenkant said. “Some individuals do not like either of those options and have been looking elsewhere. That elsewhere can, unfortunately, end up in a potentially illegal activity.”

Not convinced to avoid this scheme on legal grounds? Then look at it spiritually. People promoting this scheme have been targeting fellow churchgoers, but one religious leader has a warning.

“Don’t get involved,” said John K. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Glenarden, where I worship. “Repeatedly, scriptures warn against seeking to get gain quickly. Proverbs 15:27 warns against ‘greedy’ gain. It brings trouble to your home.”

Do the right thing and report this scam to your state attorney general or email the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

Even if participating in a sou-sou pyramid scheme doesn’t bring grief directly to your door, it eventually will for others, and that makes it a corrupt way to enrich yourself.

Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

Do Just One Thing

By **DANNY SEO**

A little leftover white wine that’s gone bad shouldn’t be tossed down the drain. A study by Oregon State University found that white wine is an effective disinfectant in the kitchen, killing foodborne pathogens like salmonella and E. coli. You can use old white wine to douse produce to clean it, wipe cutting boards to disinfect them and even use it on nonporous countertops as a cleaning spray. Grease stains on fabric can be removed by dousing them in white wine, too.

Virus spurs sales at both Home Depot and Walmart

By **ANNE D’INNOCENZIO**

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Americans turned to Walmart and Home Depot for supplies and do-it-yourself projects as they stayed close to home at a time when new cases of virus surged, resulting in soaring sales for their fiscal second quarter.

Walmart’s online sales nearly doubled in the fiscal second quarter, helped by an expansion of its online delivery services. Sales at U.S. locations opened at least a year jumped 9.3%, the company reported Tuesday. With customers not going out to eat as much, they’re cooking at home, spurring sales of groceries. They’re also buying items to set up their home office or improve their outdoor area, store executives said.

Home Depot, the nation’s largest home improvement chain, reported on Tuesday a 23.4 percent increase in sales at stores opened at least a year globally, helped by a frenzied pace of do-it-yourself projects. That’s almost twice the 12.2 percent increase that industry analysts had projected.

However, department store chain Kohl’s reported an adjusted loss that was smaller than expected and revenue fell 23 percent during the fiscal second quarter. The results came as Kohl’s worked to reopen its 1,100 stores after temporarily closing them all during the start of the pandemic.

“Some parts of retailing are thriving; some parts are being devastated,” said Neil Saunders, managing director of Global-Data Retail. “It’s demonstrating a dramatic shift of how and where shoppers are spending their money. People’s lives are revolving around the home. That means food, home improvement and comfortable clothes.”

Consumers had already begun to rely on Walmart, Home Depot and other essential retailers like Target and Amazon as lifelines for necessities during the start of the pandemic. Walmart’s online sales, for example, rose 74 percent for the fiscal first quarter. That trend accelerated to 97 percent in the second quarter and broadened the gap between traditional retailers, many of them anchor stores at the mall, and big box operators like Walmart and Target.

Kohl’s CEO Michelle Gass told reporters on a call Tuesday that the chain, based in Menomonee, Wisconsin, should benefit from mostly being located at strip centers. It’s also looking to capture market share from rivals that are closing stores. She also says that its home furnishings are resonating even more as shoppers are focusing on their home. During the second quarter, online sales soared 58 percent. And roughly 50 percent of its online business was fulfilled in stores.

“We will be a beneficiary of consumers adopting more casual lifestyles and shopping more digitally,” Gass told analysts.

With unemployment in the U.S. hitting frighteningly high levels, Walmart’s ability to deliver low-priced food, clothing and electronics strengthened its structural advantages further.

Net income for Walmart Inc., based in Arkansas, reached \$6.48 billion in the quarter.

Be careful about taking advantage of the Cares Act rules for penalty-free retirement withdrawal

By **MICHELLE SINGLETARY**

It should be a last resort, but understandably, people are looking to their retirement plans as a source of cash to get through the pandemic.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (Cares) Act includes several provisions that cover retirement accounts. The act temporarily increases how much you can borrow from your retirement and waives the penalty for an early withdrawal.

If an employer allows plan loans, the Cares Act has increased the limit on loans to \$100,000 from \$50,000. And payments – new and existing – can be deferred for a year. However, interest will continue to accrue.

If you’re younger than 59½, you’re ordinarily subject to a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty, in addition to income tax, if you remove money from an IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) retirement account. However, under the Cares Act, if you have experienced financial hardship related to the pandemic, the 10 percent penalty is waived for distributions up to \$100,000.

But these relaxed rules for retirement plans only apply to individuals impacted by the novel coronavirus.

I offer this warning after receiving the following question from a reader.

Q: I am planning to retire within the next two years. I have a 457(b) retirement account and will also receive a government pension. I’ve been thinking about taking advantage of the coronavirus-related provision in the Cares Act to withdraw money from my retirement account to pay off my mortgage. My mortgage is the biggest debt I have. I understand that I can spread the taxes for the withdrawal over a three-year period. Paying off my mortgage would still leave me with more than \$100,000 in the account. Is this a good idea?

A: It’s important to note in answering this question that under the Cares Act, coronavirus-related distributions can be taken for the following reasons:

■ You, your spouse or a dependent has been diagnosed with the

coronavirus.

■ You’ve experienced adverse financial consequences as a result of being quarantined, furloughed or laid off, or having your work hours reduced.

■ You’re unable to work because of a lack of child care.

■ You’ve had to close or reduce the hours of a business as a result of the virus.

■ You’ve been financially affected by other factors determined by the treasury secretary.

In addition, guidance from the IRS widens the category of who can tap their retirement plan. Plan participants who have someone living with them who has been financially affected can take advantage of tax-friendly provisions of the Cares Act. For instance, a plan participant can withdraw money or take out a loan if their spouse is out of work because of the coronavirus – even if they are still employed.

The IRS also expanded the benefit categories to include “any member of the individual’s household” who has lost a job or income or had an employment offer rescinded, or even experienced a delay in the start date for a job. This might include a spouse, live-in partner or an adult child who has moved back home. For purposes of applying these expanded rules, “a member of the individual’s household is someone who shares the individual’s principal residence,” the guidance says.

If you don’t fall into those categories, you can’t take advantage of the retirement plan relief offered in the Cares Act.

As for using retirement money to pay off a mortgage, I asked Eric Bronnenkant, head of tax at online financial adviser Betterment, to pick up that part of the question.

Bronnenkant: Taking a coronavirus-related distribution from a retirement plan to pay off a mortgage has its pros and cons. The biggest pro is the weight off your back by no longer having a monthly mortgage payment, and the biggest con is having less money that is growing tax-deferred for retirement.

While I typically do not advocate withdrawing from retirement plans to pay off mortgages, the

most compelling argument for a strategy like this is when the net interest rate (after-tax) on the debt exceeds the after-tax expected return on the investments.

If you qualify under the Cares Act, the pros:

■ The distribution will be 10 percent free regardless of age.

■ The income from the distribution can be spread over three years, potentially reducing the total tax liability.

■ The debt is paid off, which reduces monthly operating expenses.

■ If you change your mind, the distribution can be repaid within three years tax-free.

Cons:

■ There is less money available to grow in a tax-deferred savings account.

■ The mortgage interest tax deduction is potentially reduced (if you were itemizing before the payoff).

Reader question of the week

If you have a personal finance or retirement question, send it to colorofmoney@washpost.com. In the subject line, put “Question of the Week.”

Q: Would you mind reposting information about creating a “death book,” which came up a few months ago? I have some time off from work for a staycation and want to tackle this.

A: During one of my online discussions, a reader shared plans to create a “death book.” And although it sounds pretty morbid, it’s a good idea to leave instructions for the person responsible for handling your estate after you die.

Here’s what should be in your “death book.” (By the way, it doesn’t have to be a binder. You can create a file and scan all of your important financial documents.)

■ Bank/credit union account information, including whose name is on what accounts.

■ Homeownership information, including the mortgage servicer.

■ Any titles to anything you own.

■ Retirement accounts/pension information. List the beneficiaries.

■ Life insurance policy information. Make sure beneficiaries are up to date.

■ What you want done with all

of your stuff. Some people will fight over the turkey plate.

■ What kind of funeral arrangements you want. I’ve told my family not to bury me. I want to be cremated. I don’t want flowers. (I won’t be there to smell them.)

■ Instructions if you are entitled to military honors at your funeral.

■ Your will. (Please get one!)

■ Advanced health-care directives, including health-care power of attorney, which is a document that lists who can make medical decisions for you if you can’t speak for yourself.

■ Power of attorney. Make sure you can really trust this person.

■ A list of passwords to your computer/mobile phone.

■ User IDs and passwords for your online accounts.

Finally, I loved this comment made during the chat about creating a death book.

Q: Isn’t leaving your affairs a mess a way to ensure that your heirs and relatives mourn you much longer? Why make it easy for them to get your stuff?

A: Or, more likely, they will be cussing you out! I want to make it easy for my heirs, because I’ve been the witness to some hot messes when folks die and their estates are not in order. I’m guessing you’re joking, but it’s not funny the chaos left when people haven’t taken the time to get their affairs in order. I’ve actually seen people fight at the funeral home.

Retirement rants and raves

I’m interested in your experiences or concerns about retirement or aging. You can rant or rave. Send your comments to colorofmoney@washpost.com. Please include your name, city and state. In the subject line, put “Retirement Rants and Raves.”

Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

Nelson gets back to work as Colts hold 1st padded practice

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Quenton Nelson’s 7 1/2-month wait finally ended Monday.

The two-time All-Pro guard dressed in shoulder pads, pulled on a helmet and finally got back to work at the Indianapolis Colts training complex. It doesn’t get much better than hitting guys across the line of scrimmage.

“I always love to be able to strap it up,” Nelson said. “It’s fun to be back out there.”

What’s fun for Nelson and one of the NFL’s top offensive lines doesn’t sound especially entertaining for defensive linemen around the league or even teammates.

Worse for opponents, Nelson hasn’t appeared to miss a beat during this unusual offseason.

He started working out in Colorado, headed to Chicago, met some ex-college teammates and trained at a gym owned by former Chicago Bears center Olin Kreutz when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down many other workout facilities.

Now the guard has returned for his third NFL season focused, fit and eager to get into football shape by banging bodies before Indy’s scheduled season-opener Sept. 13 at Jacksonville with only 11 padded practices.

Nelson insists the reduction in full-contact workouts won’t be problematic in getting into game shape.

“We’re out there competing as hard as we can,” he said after Indy’s first full workout. “We’re going hard, try-

ing to get the best of each other. But it’s about being smart, not trying to hurt anyone out there or give that extra shove or anything like that.”

Striking the proper balance could be tricky based on Indy’s circumstances.

Like 31 other NFL teams, none of the Colts participated in the traditional offseason workouts or mini-camps.

But unlike most other teams, the Colts made a quarterback change. Jacoby Brissett, who made 15 starts last season in place of the retired Andrew Luck, was relegated to back-up duty when eight-time Pro Bowler Philip Rivers signed as a free agent.

Now, after 16 seasons with the San Diego and Los Angeles Chargers, Rivers is relearning a new, though familiar playbook and an entirely new cast of teammates.

“I feel pretty confident in our relationship with Phil,” Kelly said. “He brings a high football I.Q., one I haven’t seen before, because of all his years of experience. So it’s sort of trial by error and we’ve done a great job of trying to get all five guys on the same page.”

A multitude of Zoom meetings helped Nelson and other offensive linemen hear Rivers’ voice and figure out his inflection. Rivers credited that work to avoiding any false starts on the first day of camp. And while the walk-throughs that kicked off camp allowed offensive players to gain even more familiarity, the real test will come on the field.

Monday’s workout looked promising with Pro Bowl receiver T.Y. Hilton catching a long pass near the sideline and Rivers distributing the ball to a

wide array of receivers.

Kelly, for one, has been impressed with what he’s seen from Rivers.

Some things are still a work in progress.

“Cadence is a big thing. I can’t stress enough how important that is when you have a guy that can really work the cadence,” center Ryan Kelly said. “It really enhances the game and helps us out by slowing down the defensive line.”

Nelson doesn’t believe he’s a finished product, either. He wants to improve his techniques and fundamentals, and the Colts’ feature attraction at camp could be seeing Pro Bowl defensive tackle DeForest Buckner working against the Colts’ interior linemen.

And one can only imagine what that might look like if Nelson and Buckner square off.

“To be able to go against guys like Quenton is going to be a great opportunity for not only me but also the other guys in the room,” Buckner said. “Being able to go against the best every day – when you go to the games, it’s going to be easy for you. There are not a lot of guys that are like me – big, lanky, powerful and can also show some quickness. So it’s going to be a mixture of things that I can give the offensive line – different looks at to really approach. I hope I make their jobs easier come game day and vice versa.”

NOTES: Defensive end Justin Houston sat out Monday after injuring his neck Sunday with what coach Frank Reich described as a collision. Cornerback Kenny Moore III left early with an injured groin.

Is there an extra year of NCAA eligibility for fall athletes in works?

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

Whether college football players play a lot in the fall, a little in the spring or not at all over the next 10 months, some athletic administrators want to give them a mulligan on the 2020-21 season.

The NCAA Division I Council meets Wednesday with two important issues on the agenda:

■ What will happen with the eligibility of fall sport athletes heading into an uncertain season already impacted by the pandemic?

■ Should the NCAA stage fall sports championship events in the spring now that most of Division I has punted on trying to play sports in the first portion of the school year?

The Council’s job is to make a recommendation that the Division I Board of Directors can vote on when it meets Friday.

“I think the most forgiving, flexible plan would be the best,” Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione said of the first question.

The council already made one recommendation last week. A year of eligibility and an additional season of competition would be granted to fall sport athletes who opt out of this coming season because of COVID-19 concerns or if they participate in 50 percent or less of the maximum number of competitions allowed by NCAA rules.

For a football player, that would be half or fewer of 12 regular-season games. Most of the Division I teams still hoping to play this fall have fewer than 12 games scheduled. Meanwhile, four Bowl Subdivision conferences and all of the Championship Subdivision have said they won’t play in the fall and instead try to have a spring football season.

Not a single game is guaranteed be-

cause of the pandemic, and athletes are wondering what should they do.

“For me and my parents, one of the things we’re focusing on is eligibility,” said Stanford defensive back Joshua Drayden, who is part of the players’ rights group We Are United. “We’re just trying to weigh all of our options. Same for a lot of athletes around the Pac-12 and the nation.”

Because of the uncertainty and so many variables, West Virginia athletic director Shane Lyons, who is part of the DI Council, would like to allow athletes in all fall sports to get an extra year of eligibility and competition, regardless of how much they play and when.

“We talk about the student-athlete experience and definitely the season’s going to be different. With crowd sizes, the number of competitions,” said Lyons, who is also head of the NCAA’s football oversight committee. “Why charge these student-athletes with a year of eligibility? That’s one thing they don’t have to worry about.”

As Lyons and others in college sports describe it, the problem for athletes is not just weighing whether to opt out or in at the start of the season.

There is concern that a season filled with disruptions will have players who opted in reversing course before reaching the minimum number of games, which would burn a year of eligibility. It also could tempt coaches to hold back players they normally would have played in order to gain that extra year.

Lyons said protecting eligibility for all fall athletes “seems to be getting momentum” among athletic administrators.

Ted Gumbart, commissioner of the ASUN Conference – which does not sponsor football – said his league is in favor of raising the percentage of games an athlete would be permitted to play and still get the year of eligi-

bility back.

“My understanding is there will be some discussion about 75%,” said Gumbart, who is also a member of the Council.

“There is going to be a solid argument made in favor of saying, ‘This should be a freebie,’” he added.

Calling 2020 a free year for fall sport athletes would mimic what the NCAA did after the spring sports season was canceled by COVID-19 in March. Athletes were guaranteed a make-good on the eligibility but not guaranteed a scholarship. That would be left up to the school.

The NCAA waived scholarship limits and roster size restrictions in spring sports where necessary to allow for the extra players, but only for this coming season.

The same would have to be done for fall sports. Instead of setting a new cap for football scholarships (85 in FBS and 63 in FCS), the sixth-year seniors would not count against the cap next year.

“How does everybody says it’s fair around the country when one team has 22 seniors that come back and one team has eight seniors that come back?” Cincinnati coach Luke Fickell said. “I don’t know there’s going to be any one way that will be fair.”

As for fall championships possibly being held in the spring, Lyons said fields are likely to be cut by as much as 75%, bringing 64-team brackets to 16. The limited space means conferences big and small could decide that holding NCAA championships in sports such as soccer, women’s volleyball and FCS football might not be worth it.

“Access to championships is really important,” Missouri Valley Football Conference Commissioner Patty Verito said. “We’re going to continue to advocate for as robust an opportunity as we can get in the spring.”

spreading the coronavirus.

Ohio’s largest district, Columbus, halted school sports and extracurricular activities as of Friday, citing the advice of local health officials and concerns about the continued spread of the coronavirus in the area.

Other districts, such as Upper Arlington in suburban Columbus, are allowing students in contact sports such as football to work out in small groups or “pods.”

Dozens of states nationwide have delayed fall sports, and at least 15 won’t play high school football this autumn.

SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Indiana High School Football Poll
The Associated Press Top 10 Indiana high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and rating points.

6A			
Rank-School	FPV	TP	
1. Center Grove	(7)	228	
2. Carmel	(4)	222	
3. Brownsburg	-	166	
4. Avon	(2)	156	
5. Indpls Ben Davis	-	138	
6. Warren Central	-	134	
7. Merrillville	-	86	
8. Lafayette Jeff	-	62	
9. Homestead	-	58	
10. Indpls N. Central	-	56	

5A			
Rank-School	FPV	TP	
1. New Palestine	(9)	204	
2. Valparaiso	(1)	192	
3. Indpls Cathedral	(1)	178	
4. Ft. Wayne Dwenger	-	148	
5. Decatur Central	-	124	
6. Zionsville	-	76	
7. Mishawaka	-	66	
8. Lafayette Harrison	-	64	
9. Bloomington North	-	36	
10. Whiteland	-	26	

4A			
Rank-School	FPV	TP	
1. Ev. Memorial	(10)	228	
2. Hobart	-	180	
3. E. Noble	-	148	
4. E. Central	(1)	142	
5. Mooresville	-	124	
6. Mt. Vernon (Hancock)	-	120	
7. Mississinewa	-	84	
8. New Prairie	(1)	56	
9. NorthWood	-	50	
(tie) Indpls Roncalli	-	50	

3A			
Rank-School	FPV	TP	
1. Indpls Chatard	(11)	236	
2. W. Lafayette	(1)	180	
3. Heritage Hills	-	164	
4. Mishawaka Marian	-	142	
5. Indpls Brebeuf	-	126	
6. Gibson Southern	-	108	
7. Ft. Wayne Concordia	-	90	
8. Lawrenceburg	-	74	
9. Danville	-	48	
10. Southridge	-	44	

2A			
Rank-School	FPV	TP	
1. Western Boone	(10)	232	
2. Eastbrook	(2)	206	
3. Ev. Mater Dei	-	170	
4. Andean	-	162	
5. Pioneer	-	112	
6. Triton Central	-	100	
7. Rensselaer	-	72	
8. Heritage Christian	-	62	
9. Indpls Scecina	-	42	
10. Cass	-	34	

1A			
Rank-School	FPV	TP	
1. Indpls Lutheran	(3)	202	
2. Lafayette Catholic	(7)	198	
3. S. Adams	(1)	156	
4. Adams Central	-	148	
5. Southwood	-	94	
6. W. Washington	-	92	
7. Parke Heritage	-	90	
8. N. Vermillion	-	80	
9. Northfield	-	44	
10. N. Decatur	-	30	

MLB			
American League			
At A Glance			
East Division			
	W	L	Pct
New York	16	6	.727
Tampa Bay	14	9	.609
Baltimore	12	10	.545
Toronto	8	11	.421
Boston	6	17	.261

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Minnesota	15	8	.652
Cleveland	13	9	.591
Chicago	12	11	.522
Detroit	9	11	.450
Kansas City	9	14	.391

West Division			
	W	L	Pct
Oakland	16	7	.696
Houston	12	10	.545
Texas	10	11	.476
Los Angeles	8	15	.348
Seattle	7	17	.292

Monday's Games			
N.Y. Yankees 6, Boston 3			
Toronto 7, Baltimore 2			
Minnesota 4, Kansas City 1			
Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit 2			
Houston 2, Colorado 1			
San Diego 14, Texas 4			
Arizona 4, Oakland 3			
L.A. Angels 7, San Francisco 6			
L.A. Dodgers 11, Seattle 9			

Tuesday's Games			
Colorado at Houston			
San Diego at Texas			
San Francisco at L.A. Angels			
Oakland at Arizona			
Cleveland at Pittsburgh			
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees			
Seattle at L.A. Dodgers			
Philadelphia at Boston			
Toronto at Baltimore			
Cincinnati at Kansas City			
Detroit at Chicago White Sox			
Milwaukee at Minnesota			

Wednesday's Games			
Toronto (Roark 1-1) at Baltimore (Milone 1-2), 1:05 p.m.			
Philadelphia (Arrieta 1-2) at Boston (Hart 0-1), 1:35 p.m.			
Cleveland (Civale 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Brautt 0-0), 7:05 p.m.			
Tampa Bay (Glasnow 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 4-0), 7:05 p.m.			
Cincinnati (Castillo 0-2) at Kansas City (TBD), 8:05 p.m.			
Detroit (Mize 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (TBD), 8:10 p.m.			
Milwaukee (Anderson 0-2) at Minnesota (TBD), 8:10 p.m.			
Houston (Valdez 1-2) at Colorado (Castellani 0-0), 8:40 p.m.			
Texas (Lynn 3-0) at San Diego (Paddock 2-2), 9:10 p.m.			
Arizona (Kelly 3-1) at Oakland (Luzardo 1-0), 9:40 p.m.			
L.A. Dodgers (Urias 2-0) at Seattle (Walker 1-2), 9:40 p.m.			
L.A. Angels (Sandoval 0-2) at San Francisco (Cueto 1-0), 9:45 p.m.			

Thursday's Games			
Philadelphia at Toronto, 1:05 p.m., 1st game			
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.			
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.			
Houston at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.			
Philadelphia at Toronto, 4:35 p.m., 2nd game			
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National League			
East Division			
	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	14	10	.583
Miami	9	7	.563
Philadelphia	8	9	.471
New York	10	14	.417
Washington	8	12	.400

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Chicago	14	7	.667
Milwaukee	10	10	.500

St. Louis	5	5	.500	3½
Cincinnati	9	11	.450	4½
Pittsburgh	4	14	.222	8½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	17	7	.708	
Colorado	13	9	.591	3
Arizona	12	11	.522	4½
San Diego	12	12	.500	5
San Francisco	8	16	.333	9

Monday's Games			
St. Louis 3, Chicago Cubs 1, 7 innings, 1st game			
Chicago Cubs 5, St. Louis 4, 7 innings, 2nd game			
Atlanta 7, Washington 6			
N.Y. Mets 11, Miami 4			
Houston 2, Colorado 1			
San Diego 14, Texas 4			
Arizona 4, Oakland 3			
L.A. Angels 7, San Francisco 6			
L.A. Dodgers 11, Seattle 9			

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Cleveland at Pittsburgh			
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Seattle at L.A. Dodgers			
Washington at Atlanta			
Philadelphia at Boston			
Cincinnati at Kansas City			
Milwaukee at Minnesota			
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs			

Wednesday's Games			
Philadelphia (Arrieta 1-2) at Boston (Hart 0-1), 1:35 p.m.			
St. Louis (Flaherty 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Mills 2-1), 2:20 p.m., 1st game			
Chicago Cubs (TBD) at St. Louis (TBD), 5:50 p.m., 2nd game			
Cleveland (Civale 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Brautt 0-0), 7:05 p.m.			
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 2-0) at Miami (Lopez 2-1), 7:10 p.m.			
Washington (Fedde 1-1) at Atlanta (Wright 0-3), 7:10 p.m.			
Cincinnati (Castillo 0-2) at Kansas City (TBD), 8:05 p.m.			
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Education

Role grows and expands for Manchester pharmacy dean

Smith is currently dean of Pharmacy Programs, professor of pharmaceutical sciences

By ANNE GREGORY

W. Thomas Smith has been named dean of pharmacy and health sciences at Manchester University.

“This change formalizes some responsibilities that he has carried for quite a while and anticipates new responsibilities that will emerge as we add additional academic programs in Fort Wayne,” said Celia Cook-Huffman, vice president for academic affairs.

He is currently dean of Pharmacy Programs and a professor of pharmaceutical sciences. In his expanded role, Smith will serve as dean for all programs on the Fort Wayne campus and the exercise science and athletic training programs on the North Manchester campus.

“Tommy is a champion for students and colleagues. He is an effective administrator, skilled at building strong,

collaborative partnerships and developing innovative programming. I have come to appreciate deeply his commitment to what it means to be One Manchester – a spirit that he weaves into all of his work. His strengths as a leader will serve us well as we grow programs on both campuses,” Cook-Huffman said.

Smith is a 1994 graduate of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. He began his pharmacy career as operations director of Corum Health Services Inc., a long-term care pharmacy in St. Louis, Mo.

In 2005, he graduated from St. Louis University with a Juris Doctorate and certificate in health law from the school’s top-ranked Center for Health Law Studies. Smith then served on the faculty of Saint Louis College of Pharmacy before moving on to the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

In 2015, Smith joined Manchester as assistant dean for pharmacy assess-

ment and accreditation, and he then was appointed dean of Pharmacy Programs in 2017.

Smith is active in several professional organizations including the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), the American Bar Association (ABA) and the American Society for Pharmacy Law.

The Fort Wayne resident has served as chair of AACP’s Health Disparities and Cultural Competence special interest group and completed its Academic Leadership Fellows Program. Smith has also been active in the Health Law Section of the ABA – serving a three-year term on its leadership council and chairing several committees. In 2016, he was appointed to the federal Food and Drug Administration’s Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee.

Smith has served as an author, speaker and leader in areas such as pharmacy law, cultural competency, health disparities, bioethics, and disability law.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.



SMITH

Weed Wrangle is coming soon, on Sept. 26 at Salamonie Lake

UWIN is a volunteer educational conservation group

STAFF REPORT

Meet Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN) members and volunteers and get some hands-on experience learning more about invasive species and how to manage them from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26 at Salamonie Lake’s Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to Teresa Rody, interpretive naturalist.

“UWIN is a volunteer educational conservation group dedicated to the stewardship of native habitat, serving Miami, Wabash and Huntington counties.

The focus will be removing and slowing the growth and spread of invasive plants. This will be the first Weed Wrangle to be held in this designated area,” said Rody. “Why should we care? Invasive non-native plants do not support our native insect species which support all forms of native wildlife.”

Rody said those interested in attending should wear long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe

shoes; and bring work gloves, wide-brimmed hats, sunscreen and bug spray.

“Have tools? Bring them. No chainsaws. Some tools will also be provided,” said Rody.

The first 30 people who register in advance and work will receive a “hot-off-the-press” UWIN T-shirt.

“In compliance with Back on Track Indiana, CDC social distancing guidelines and use of face coverings if indoors or closer than 6 feet will be practiced,” said Rody.

For more information and for advance registration, call 260-468-2127.

Notre Dame cancels classes for two weeks after spike in virus

SOUTH BEND (AP) — Notre Dame University on Tuesday canceled in-person undergraduate classes for two weeks after a spike of coronavirus cases that occurred since the semester began Aug. 10.

University president the Rev. John Jenkins said there have been 147 confirmed cases of coronavirus on campus since the start of classes for the university’s approximately 12,000 students.

Jenkins said he decided against sending students home after consulting with the St. Joseph County Health Department. Instead, university officials decided steps could be taken short of closing the campus while still protecting students’ health and safety.

The university is advising off-campus students not to visit the campus and on-campus students not to venture off-campus and is restricting student gatherings to 10 people or less. The university is allowing graduate student access to research laboratories and libraries. Athletic teams subject to surveillance testing can continue to gather for sanctioned activities, but will be closely monitored.

“The virus is a formidable foe,” Jenkins said in announcing enhanced testing for students experiencing symptoms and surveillance testing for those without symptoms. “For the past week, it has been winning. Let us as the Fighting Irish join together to contain it.”

According to Jenkins, the

university has traced the spike in COVID-19 cases to off-campus gatherings where neither masks were worn nor physical distancing observed. He said students infected at those gatherings passed it on to others, who in turn passed the virus on to others, resulting in the positive cases, with all but one a student.

Jenkins asked students to help in identifying others who have been flagrantly violating safety protocols.

The action by Notre Dame follows the decision by officials of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to switch to remote learning starting Wednesday,

and is making arrangements for students who want to leave campus housing. UNC officials said clusters of COVID-19 were discovered in dorms, a fraternity house and other student housing.

Coronavirus outbreaks earlier this summer at fraternities in Washington state, California and Mississippi provided a glimpse of the challenges school officials face in keeping the virus from spreading on campuses where young people gather in close quarters.

The virus has been blamed for more than 170,000 deaths and 5.4 million confirmed infections in the U.S.

Beacon Credit Union Foundation awards \$23,000 in grant money

Deadline to submit applications for consideration in January 2021 is Nov. 30

STAFF REPORT

The Beacon Credit Union Foundation has presented five charitable organizations with grants, according to Kelly Stuber, community relations specialist.

“These organizations show a focus on improving the lives of our members, friends, and neighbors in the communities that we

serve,” said Stuber.

The five organizations that have received grants are:

- Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne, New Haven
- Jackson County Coalition on Literacy, Seymour
- Compassionate Health Center, Rochester
- Mental Health America of Jackson County, Seymour
- Community Harvest

Food Bank of Northeast Indiana, New Haven

Grant awards occur bi-yearly. The deadline to submit applications for consideration in January 2021 is Nov. 30.

Organizations not receiving a grant may re-apply for the next grant cycle. Organizations chosen for a grant may apply again after one full calendar year following the receipt of their grant. For more info on the Beacon Credit Union Foundation visit beaconcu.org.

Local Historical Museum unveils new digital historic walking tours

Using the PocketSights app, the Wabash County museum has built three tours

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County Historical Museum has announced its newest addition “to give residents of Wabash County and those visiting the county an opportunity to have fun and explore local history from their very own phone,” according to Mitch Figert, president and CEO.

Using the PocketSights app, the museum has built three tours users can take, complete with a map, photographs and interesting facts about each sight. The three tours take viewers to Downtown Wabash, North Wabash, and West Wabash

to different historical buildings and houses. Viewers will be informed about the architecture and the people and businesses that used to occupy each building.

“Each of these tours is 1 mile or 2 in length and would be a great way to spend a nice, sunny day walking through the city,” said Figert.

The current three tours were inspired by the previous printed walking guides published by Wabash Marketplace.

“Since those guides are no longer in circulation, the museum had looked for a way to recreate these historic tours more sustainably. Using a digital platform allows the tours to be accessible at any time of day and

also allows content to be easily updated and changed. The Museum worked with a local photographer, Greg Coon, to provide current-day photographs for each site,” said Figert.

Startup funding and the initial three tours have been made possible through a Historic Preservation Education Grant from Indiana Landmarks, Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

“The museum is working to identify future partners to expand the number of tours, which will include photographing sites and including historical photographs and information,” said Figert.

For more information, visit www.wabashmuseum.org/tours.

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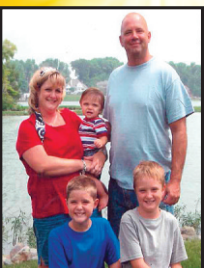
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